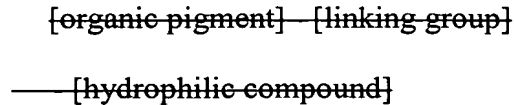


IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0009] on page 4 with the rewritten paragraph below:

[0009] Described specifically, the present invention provides a hydrophilic colorant represented by the following formula (1):



(organic pigment) – (linking group) – (hydrophilic compound) (1)

wherein said ~~[organic pigment]~~ organic pigment is a hydrophobic pigment having no hydrophilic group by itself, said ~~[linking group]~~ linking group is a group linking said ~~[organic pigment]~~ organic pigment and said ~~[hydrophilic compound]~~ hydrophilic compound with each other and blocking an effect of said ~~[hydrophilic compound]~~ hydrophilic compound on said ~~[organic pigment]~~ organic pigment, and said ~~[hydrophilic compound]~~ hydrophilic compound is an anionic, cationic and/or nonionic, hydrophilic compound.

Page 37 (Abstract), please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.